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PACKAGING CELL LINES, (Cell 16.0)
RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRUSES,
AND METHODS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated August 31, 1998, and pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith an appendix of the claims pending as of entry of this Amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 37-39 and 46-47 as follows.

37. (amended) A replication-defective recombinant adenovirus, wherein the genome of said adenovirus contains at least two lethal deletions, two lethal mutations, or one lethal deletion and one lethal mutation in the E1 and E4 early gene regions, so that the recombinant adenovirus requires for replication at a minimum complementation of genes of both the E1 and E4 adenoviral early regions in the absence of expression of additional adenoviral gene regions in trans,